

Regular meeting of the City Council; Austin, Texas, April 5th 1917:

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called :

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none:

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and approved:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report from the City

Clerk:

Austin, Texas, April 3rd 1917:

To the Hon Mayor and City Council,

City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

As required by the City Charter ,I have the honor to report the following as the result of the election held in this City on Monday April 2nd 1917, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and four Councilmen to serve this City for the ensuing two years, viz:

For Mayor, A P Wooldridge received	871 votes,
For Councilman W B Anthony received	869 votes
For Councilman E C Bartholemew received	874 votes
For Councilman H L Haynes received	872 votes
For Councilman P W Powell received	869 votes

Total Vote cast at said election 904.

Respectfully submitted by ,

Jae O Johansen , City Clerk.

The report was ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Public Weigher and the Supt of Streets, which were ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the statement of W H & R T Badger that they assessed individually certain ~~personal~~ ^{personal} property in the amount of \$ 1,500.00, which subsequently was assessed by the firm without the knowledge or realization that the same personal property had been assessed by the individual members of the firm separately ;and
Whereas, this is an instance of the same identical property being assessed twice for municipal taxation ,

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the personal property assessment of W H & R T Badger for the year 1916, in the amount of One thousand Five hundred (\$ 1,500.00) be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled.

City clerk
Report
City election

W H & R T Badger
Lives

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the appeal of C C Smith for a reduction of the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lot 25, Block 10, Outlet 11 Division 62", Sayers Addition to the City of Austin, Texas, wherein the assessment is increased from \$ 500.00, to \$ 550.00, be and the same is hereby declined.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the appeal of L A Wolf from the assessment placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lots 8 & 9, Block 122, City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, be and the same is hereby declined;

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none, .

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the petition of C F Austin for a reduction of the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization for taxation purposes upon Lots 1, 2, 4 & 5, in Block 5 Division "C", Christian and Fellmans addition to the City of Austin, Texas, wherein the said Board of Equalization increased the ground Assessment from \$ 800.00, to \$ 1,600.00, be and the same is hereby declined.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the appeal of Mrs Nina P Jerden from the assessment of the Board of Equalization upon Lots 29, 30, 31 & 32, Block 6 Hyde Park, Addition No 1 City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, be and the same is hereby declined.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

*C C Smith
Sayers*

*L A Wolf
Sayers*

*C F Austin
Sayers*

*Mrs Nina P
Jerden
Hyde Park*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, E L Steck is the owner of all of Block 18, Greems addition, City of Austin, Texas,; and.

Whereas, the said E L Steck desires to close the east and west alley passing through said block,

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That permission is hereby granted the said E L Steck to close temporarily said alley, with the distinct provision and condition that said alley as platted on the map of same, shall be at all times open for the placing therein of any and all of the public utilities of the City of Austin, especially its water mains and its sewer mains, its storm sewer mains and laterals, its electric light and power wires.

That this permit is held to be revocable at any time in the pleasure of this or any succeeding City Council .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears that the Board of Equalization in assessing Lot 14, Outlot 57, Division "E" of the City of Austin, Texas, the property of J T Ward, erred in fixing the value of said Lot 14 at \$ 800.00, Eight hundred dollars, under the impression that it was a lot 80 feet in width (80), when as a matter of fact it is a lot only seventy two (72) feet in width; and

Whereas the assessed and accepted valuations of the lots just west of this lot and identical in character with said lot are assessed at but six hundred & fifty (\$ 650.00) dollars a lot or 9 .28 $\frac{1}{2}$ per front foot,

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the assessment heretofore fixed by the Board of Equalization for the year 1916 on lot 14, Outlot 57, Division "E" of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby fixed at the price of six hundred and sixty eight dollars and fifty two cents (\$668.52), and the Assessor & Collector of this City be entitled to take credit on his rolls for the year 1916 accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it is very probable, if not absolutely evident, that the Board of Equalization in assessing the ground value for the year 1916 for the south fifty feet of Lot 28, outlot 18, Div "D" of this City, the property of Mrs C E Trotter intended to increase the assessment of said ground by the amount of ten per cent over its assessed value for the year 1915; and

Whereas, the assessed ground value of said property for the year 1915 was assessed and accepted at one thousand (\$1,000.00), dollars and the Board of

*Steck to
Close Alley*

*J T Ward
Jared*

Mrs C E Trotter

Equalization from \$ 1,000.00, to \$ 1,550.00, when it is almost evident they intended to increase it to but the amount of \$ 1,100.00, as they had done in the instance of all property similarly situated in the western part of the City of Austin, Texas; and

Whereas, in assessing ground value of the south fifty feet of lot 28, Outlet 18, Div "D" of the City of Austin, Texas, for 1916 at \$ 1,550.00, the Board erred by the amount of \$ 450.00,;

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

THAT the ground value of the south fifty feet of Lot 28, of Outlet 18, Div "D", of the City of Austin, Texas, for assessment purposes be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$ 1,100.00, and the Assessor & Collector of the City of Austin, Texas, entitled to credit the assessment of Mrs C E Trotter for the year 1916 in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

NAYS none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

THAT the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and set apart for the purchase of a Peerless chassis for the use of the Austin Fire Dept, and

BE it further resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

THAT the sum of seventy (\$70.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund for the purchase of two hundred (200) feet of chemical hose for the proposed South Automobile apparatus, and

BE it further resolved:

THAT the sum of two hundred (\$200.00), dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund for the extended frame, work on springs, wood work, iron work, painting and other incidentals of said automobile fire apparatus, for the purchase of which chassis the \$ 600.00, heretofore set apart is appropriated.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

NAYS none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas the budget of the Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1917, the following appropriations were made for the use of the Fire Dept, to-wit:

One deluge set	\$ 150.00	
" Cellar Pipe	100.00	
Three sets of Ladders	150.00	
Seven Badger Extinguishers	175.00	
Total	\$ 575.00	and

Whereas, the Chief of the Fire Department desires in lieu of some of the articles hereinabove named to substitute other articles, but the total cost not to exceed the appropriation herein before made,

NOW, therefore,

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

Purchase, repair
City Fire Dept.

Budget
unneeded

That in lieu of the appropriations hereinbefore made in the budget of the Mayor for the year 1917 for use of the Fire Department, the following appropriations are made:

One deluge set	\$ 150.00
Two Brenel Cellar Nozzles	40.00
One Eastman 2 ½ " reducer	12.00
One 2 ½ " Hose expander	25.00
Seven Badger Fire Extinguishers	175.00
One Garnett Smoke Protector	40.00
Two 30 " Hose Play Pipes	20.00
One dozen South Bend Ladder straps	12.00
One Blacksmith Forge, anvil, vice, stock and dies and other tools	101.00

Or a total of \$ 575.00

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the price of one thousand two Hundred and ninety seven (1297) loads of soil heretofore deposited on the Hospital grounds of this City, which cost amounts to \$ 389.10, has been erroneously paid out of the Park fund,

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the sum of three hundred eighty nine dollars and ten cents (\$ 389.10) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the special appropriation in the General fund for dirt at the City Hospital to cover this expenditure erroneously charged against the Park fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That the sum of \$ 53.60, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer Earnings fund for the purpose of paying the Court costs and Justice M M Johnsons fees, in the following numbered suits as shown on the docket of said Justice Court and numbered as follows, viz:

11129, 11167, 11168, 11169, 11175, 11173, 11174, 11175, 11179, 11181, 11184, 11185, 11186, 11189, 11189, 11193, 11196, 11205, 11208, 11211,; same being numbers of suits upon which judgement has been rendered.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Transfer funds.

*Court Costs
Justice Court*

MAYOR Woldridge offered the following resolution :

RESolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

THAT the sum of forty nine (\$ 49.99), dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the three hundred (\$ 300.00), dollars appropriated in the budget of the Mayor of the City of AUSTIN, TEXAS, for "Repairs and Supplies for Chief's automobile " and set apart for the purchase of an Oliver typewriter for said Fire Chief, to be paid for at the rate of \$5.45 per month, said typewriter is to be the property of the City of Austin and is to be used for the service of the City in that department.

THE resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS MAYOR Woldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
NAYS none,

APPROVED, A P Woldridge, Mayor.

MAYOR Woldridge offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, the deed executed by John McDonald, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, on the 13th day of APRIL, 1891, to William Ziller of a certain tract of land in Oakwood Cemetery of the City of AUSTIN, TEXAS, in said deed fully described; and

WHEREAS, the present owner of said tract of land, Mrs William Ziller, desires a deed to said property duly acknowledged so that same can be recorded,

NOW, therefore,

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Austin:

THAT the Mayor of this City be and he is hereby authorized to execute a duplicate deed to the property described in said deed made by John McDonald, Mayor, on the 13th day of APRIL 1891, to-wit:

Commencing at the northwest corner of a lot owned by one G W Paschal, thence south with the west line of said Paschal lot 19 feet, thence west 17 feet to a stake, thence north 19 feet to a stake, thence east 17 feet to the place of beginning, and lying between the lots (OR parcel of ground) now owned by one R M Elgin on the north, G W Paschal on the east, Mrs T MARTIN on the south, and M. S Johnson on the west, and being a part of the old cemetery, and more fully described upon the plat or map of the AUSTIN City cemetery of the City of Austin in TRAVIS COUNTY, Texas.

THE resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS MAYOR Woldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
NAYS none,

APPROVED, A P Woldridge, Mayor.

COUNCILMAN Hynes offered the following resolution :

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

THAT the assessment of credits deposited in the State Treasury of the State of Texas for the year 1916 in the respective amounts set opposite the several names, which assessments were made by FR J Sterzing, City Assessor & Collector of the City of Austin, Texas, on the 3rd day of APRIL 1917, be and the same are hereby approved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas,:

NAME,	Amount.
TEXAS LIFE Insurance Co of Waco, Texas	\$ 148,548.00
GUARANTEE Life Insurance Co of Houston, Texas	86,517.00
AMERICAN NATIONAL Insurance Co of Galveston, Texas	168,167.00
AMICABLE Life Insurance Co of Waco, Texas	76,000.00
FIRST TEXAS State Insurance Co of Galveston, Texas,	93,333.00
GREAT SOUTHERN Life Insurance Co of Houston, Texas,	383,784.00
San Antonio Life Insurance Co of San Antonio, Texas	202,872.00

*Transfer
funds.*

*Deed Wm
Ziller
County Clerk*

*Assessments
submitted
12/1/17
12/1/17
12/1/17*

SAN Jacinto Life Insurance Co of Beaumont, Texas,	\$ 66,575.00
WICITA Southern Life Insurance Co, of Wichita Falls, Texas	127,633.00
MECA Fire Insurance Co of Waco, Texas	5,333.00
GENeral BONDing And Casualty Co of Dallas, Texas,	33,333.00
TEXas Fidelity and Bonding Co, of Waco, Texas,	33,666.00
SOUthern CA palty Co of San Antonio, Texas	40,314.00
AMERican Indemnity Co of Galveston, Texas,	214,028.00
WESTern Indemnity Co of Dallas, Texas,	133,333.00
National Equitable Society of Belton , Texas, (now Austin, Texas)	8,670.00
DALLAS Title & Guarantee Co of Dallas, Texas	10,666.00

THE resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
NAYS none,

APPROVED, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

THAT the sum of \$ 100.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund for the purpose of completing sewerage in College Court.

THE resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
NAYS none,

APPROVED, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

April 9th 1917: All present:

MAYOR Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

THAT from 2 O'clock P M until after the parade passes on Monday, April 9th, 1917, Congress Avenue from 1st street to the Capitol gate is hereby vacated and ordered to be kept free from vehicles of all kinds, and in addition to Congress Avenue from 1st street to the Capitol gate, two blocks on 1st street east and west of Congress Avenue, two blocks on 2nd street east and west of Congress Avenue, two blocks on 3rd street east and west of Congress Avenue, two blocks on 4th street east and west of Congress Avenue, and two blocks on 5th street east and west of Congress Avenue, also 9th street from Congress Avenue to San Antonio street, are hereby vacated from use by vehicles of all kind for the forming of, Patriotism day celebration parade, and

, Be, it further resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

THAT the Police force of the City of Austin, Texas, are hereby instructed to carry this resolution into effect.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
NAYS none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

APPLICATION of E M Bohls, of 200 Congress Avenue, for license as driver of service car was presented and license granted by the following vote;

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
NAYS none,

April 11th 1917:

APPLICATION of E N Thompson for license as driver of service car was presented and license granted by the following vote:

YEAS Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Anthony 1

See page College Court

Vacating streets during parade

E M Bohls

April 5th 1917: All present :

THE Mayor stated that this was the day set for hearing protests against the paving of West Avenue, and invited any present who desired to be heard, to address the Council.

THE following named Citizens then addressed the Council protesting against the paving of the said street, viz :

MR R H Felter, Mr W G EYres, Mr Jno W Robbins Mr E Stone & Mr Francis Fischer.

THE COUNCIL then adjourned.

J. J. Johnson
City Clerk

*Hearing paving
West Avenue*